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## ABOUT MINES AND MINING.

### Alaska Gold in Relation to Affecting Prices.

"What effect will the new gold yield have upon prices?" is a question which is being debated by statesmen and financiers. The North American Review treats the subject at length and draws the deduction that even though the Alaska yield is enormous it will not affect prices to any noticeable degree. It reasons that there are too many avenues open to the use of gold—its monetary use, use among the arts and the foreign demand for it to ever change prices. The article says:

With a gold production for 1897 estimated at \$240,000,000, it is evident that the new goldfields will have to prove exceptionally productive in order to add a great percentage to the world's annual supply of gold. If they should yield \$60,000,000 per year, carrying the total annual production to \$300,000,000, they would still be adding only 25 per cent to the previous annual increase. The effect of new supplies of the precious metals is greatly restricted by the fact that the additions have to be set against the whole mass already in existence. An addition of 25 per cent to the annual production of wheat or corn, or even of more permanent industrial products, like iron or copper, would have a marked effect upon prices. Gold is undoubtedly influenced, like all other articles, by the law of supply and demand, but the supply in any one year is only a small addition to the amount already in the market. All the gold of the world used as coin or bullion in monetary exchanges is constantly in the world's money market, capable of being purchased by commodities directly or by slight premiums in rates of exchange.

It has been shown that the visible stock of monetary gold existing in the world today is about \$4,360,000,000. Reasons will soon be given for thinking that another sum of \$1,000,000,000 is concealed in private hoards. The mathematical elements of the problem, therefore, are: An aggregate gold production within historic times of \$9,000,000,000; a visible supply of gold in use as money of \$4,360,000,000; and a possible annual increase of the supply from \$240,000,000 in 1897 to \$300,000,000 in future years.

The second question—what portion of the new gold will be devoted to monetary uses—suggests the interesting inquiry, what has become of the difference between the whole amount of gold produced and the amount now visible in coin and bullion? The amount to be accounted for is \$4,800,000,000 and represents more than half of the gold which has been produced since 1492. There are three channels through which this difference has been absorbed, which may be briefly treated thus:

Abrasion, the arts and the foreign trade.

### Brought in Samples.

Mr. Cole, of the Copper Creek mining district, Skamania county, Washington, has brought to Messrs. Colfelt and Sebecki, of Portland, samples of ore from the 20-foot level of the Yellow Bird shaft, which assayed 15 per cent copper and \$13 in gold. Mr. Se-

becki and Mr. Colfelt expect to take the machinery for a smelter on the ground just as soon as the trail can be put in shape. There are a number of promising properties in Copper Creek district in which Portland parties are interested.

### AN ALL AROUND FRIEND.

We need not talk about the weather when we come to discuss the cause of so many aches and pains which afflict mankind. Much of these afflictions is from heretofore of infirmity of the nerves, muscles and joints of the human body. Many pains and aches, it is true, are brought on by exposure to cold or by sudden chill, but as to a general condition to which we may be subject there should be a remedy which in a general way is curative for all. This is one reason why St. Jacobs Oil is so popular. It cures aches and pains in all forms, and they are wise who keep it steadily on hand to be used in emergencies at any time in the cure of the most acute attacks.

### State Mining Boards.

State mining boards, Mr. Batchelder of Portland, believes, would be of great assistance to the mining interests of Oregon and Washington. Like others, Mr. Batchelder realizes that the mineral districts have been sadly neglected. With the character of ore, the fuel, the timber, transportation, the grades of ore for fluxing each other, and the mild climate, Oregon and Washington, he says, should be the greatest mineral-producers in the West. State boards could be of advantage in many ways. For one thing, they could constitute themselves a fountain-head of reliable information, by keeping in touch with all the districts, where capitalists, strangers and people at home could draw from for investing, etc.

### PEARY THE EXPLORER ON BAKING POWDERS.

Those going to the Klondike must remember that a reliable baking powder is an absolute necessity. If, after a long and expensive trip and the great cost of transportation, the baking powder proves inferior or has lost its strength, the miner will be practically helpless. It is no time or place to experiment. What is required is a baking powder that has actually stood the test of the arctic climate.

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### Americans the Best.

It is complained that the British have made no money out of mining in this country. They should not send over the proverbial younger son, and luxurious mine managers, who "dress for dinner" in remote mining camps and have French chefs, and violinists to soothe them during the hour of digestion. Americans are mining to better advantage here; they are mostly plain, practical men, and when they buy a mine they send one set of experts to check up another, and then pay a price for the property, and no more.—Mexico City Herald.

### A Woman's Daily Paper.

There has just been launched in Paris a daily paper devoted solely to the interests of the fair sex. It is produced entirely by women, and not only are the editors, the managers and the staff of reporters women, but the type is set by female compositors, and it is reported that even the printers' devils are feminine members of the genus "gamin." The name of the paper is La Fronde. Used as a noun this means the implement of ancient warfare with which David slew Goliath, while to the verb "fronder" the translation to sling, to censure, to blame, to criticize and to oppose all equally apply, and, judging from the first number, are singularly appropriate, since it is full of abuse of everything that can possibly be construed as the handiwork of man. Mme. Severine, whose writings have won for her a world-wide reputation, is editor-in-chief, and the enterprise is said to be backed by plenty of money.

### Keeping Dickens' Birthday.

The birthday of Dickens was celebrated in London by some ceremonies organized by Mr. Edwin Drew, and it is of interest to note that had the novelist lived he would have been 86 years of age. The grave in Westminster Abbey was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Drew and a party of friends, and a wreath was deposited upon it. Seeing many strangers near Mr. Drew began a little speech, but it was nipped in the bud by a verger—being, of course, technically, perniciously near the legal offense of "brawling." Taking the wreath with them, Mr. Drew's party proceeded to an evening entertainment in St. James' hall, when various recitations, songs, speeches and so forth, more or less connected with Dickens, formed the programme of the evening.



Miss Spokes—What shall we have for our club colors? Mr. Pedelman—I guess black and blue will be all right.—Judge.

She—Jones is a fine fellow, isn't he? He—Yes; he has had his leg broken oftener than any foot-ball player in the country.

Perkins (to Jenkins)—I heard this morning that Barlow has been arrested. What has he done? Jenkins—Everybody.

Miss Ethel—I wonder if that gentleman can hear me when I sing? Maid—Of course he can. He is closing the window already.—Tit-Bits.

"What do you think of woman's rights?" "I think," replied the shoe clerk, "that they ought to match woman's lefts."—Chicago Post.

Patience—What is the cheapest-looking thing you ever saw about a bargain counter? Patrice—A husband waiting for his wife.—Yonkers Statesman.

Magistrate—The evidence shows that you threw a stone at the man. Mrs. McDuff—An' it shows more than that, yer honor. It shows that I hit him.

Dramatic author (dictating play)—Mary, my light, my life! I love you; will you be mine? Lady Typist (whose name is Mary)—Are you still dictating?

Mabel—You should see the French Count who is dancing attendance upon me. Susie—Ah, a French dancing master, dear?—Philadelphia North American.

Charles Bragg—Yes, Miss Blightly, it costs me ten thousand dollars a year to live. Miss Blightly—Oh, Mr. Bragg, do you think it's worth it?—Boston Traveler.

Ledgerby—It does seem good to see old Drybuck back at his desk after his long illness. Billie—You bet it does—I was afraid it was another case of \$2 all round for a floral tribute.—Chicago Journal.

"I have a doctor's certificate here that I cannot sing to-night," said the prima donna. "What?" roared the manager; "I'll give you a certificate that you never could sing."—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Wabash—Mrs. Lakeside is going to celebrate his golden wedding next week. Mrs. Manhattan—You don't say so! Mrs. Wabash—Yes; she will then have been married fifty times.—Town Topics.

Ethel—Isn't it strange that Flossie attracts such intellectual men? Maud—Oh, no; she told me she always planned her gowns when they talk to her, and that gives her face that interested expression.—Harper's Bazar.

"Do you really mean to stand by what you say about retiring from public life?" inquired the intimate friend just before an election. "How do I know?" responded the politician; "I'm no prophet."—Washington Star.

Miss Thirtysmith (meaningly)—An Italian proverb says that "honest men marry soon," and— Jack Swift (solemnly)—I can not conceal it any longer; I live in deadly fear of being at any moment arrested for embezzlement.—Puck.

"I don't know which is worse," muttered young Blunderheads at the swell reception, retreating to a corner and wiping his perspiring brow; "but I believe I would rather be run over by a train than to step on one!"—Chicago Tribune.

"Did you ever go into a dark room, where you couldn't see any one, and yet something seemed to tell you there was some one there?" asked the spiritualistic medium. "Oh, yes," replied the man; "I used to have that experience often, in my courting days."—Yonkers Statesman.

Blunderly (looking at female portrait)—Great gracious! What a hideous face. Where did you find that sifter? Artist (coldly)—That, sir, is a portrait of my sister. Blunderly—I beg your pardon. My mistake, I'm sure. After all, I ought to have noticed the family resemblance.—Tit-Bits.

Magistrate—You were drunk, of course, when the hold-up men went through you? Battered-up prisoner—I was, your honor, Magistrate—They got everything you had, I suppose? Battered-up prisoner—Everything, your honor, except a two-dollar bill I had in my watch pocket. Magistrate—The fine will be two dollars. Call the next case!—Chicago Tribune.

"I do so enjoy being at sea, away out of sight of land," said the ingenue. "It is romantic," assented the sourette. "I hadn't thought of that. But when I look all around and see the horizon at the same distance everywhere, there comes over me a delightful sensation of occupying the center of the stage."—Indianapolis Journal.

Jack Flance—It was a great surprise to me to learn that you had invited your neighbors, the Flatpurses, to our wedding. Jessica—An, but I ascertained that they were in such unquestionably strained circumstances that they wouldn't come. That means they won't have money to get us a wedding present, and we will have a legitimate provocation for cutting them afterward.—Judge.



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### Russian Iron Duty.

The Russian manufacturers of iron have asked for a decrease of duty on cast iron to 20 copecks per pound. These works have an annual output amounting to a value of more than 60,000,000 roubles and employing about 35,000 workmen. According to the present Russian customs tariff cast iron pays a duty of 30 copecks per pound (\$1.42 per 220 pounds).

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